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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: CAMELOT, et al.  
Title: ENCAPSULATED CRYSTALLINE LACTIC ACID  
Appl. No.: 10/631,831  
Filing Date: August 1, 2003  
Examiner: Helen F. Pratt  
Art Unit: 1761  
Confirmation Number: 1704

**RESPONSE TO ELECTION REQUIREMENT**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the species election requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed September 29, 2006, Applicants hereby provisionally elect the following species for examination: oil, silica and meat product. With the exception of claim 17, all of the pending claims are readable on the elected species. This election is made with traverse.

Applicants respectfully traverse the Election of Species Requirement on the grounds that the Office has not shown that there would be a serious burden to examine all of the species together. As set forth in MPEP § 803, there must be a serious burden on the Examiner if restriction is required. Because a burden must be shown, and because the Office has not demonstrated such a burden, Applicants respectfully request that the Election of Species Requirement be withdrawn.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Respectfully submitted,

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